

Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission Minutes
November 12, 2018
New Hampton Town Office
Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

Members present: T. Simpson, Chair, R. Pollock, G. DuBois, R. Leroux, G. DuBois, P. Schlesinger, M. Schofield, K. Peterson
Absent: B. Rolfe (wintering in Florida)

Meeting called to order by Tyler Simpson at 6:31 pm

Minutes of the 10/8 meeting were reviewed with the following corrections noted:

- Replace first sentence with, Minutes of the 9/10 and 9/14 meeting were reviewed and discussed.
- Under new business topic KDCA gate, replace sentence, *“If there was damage or reckless behavior on the property the gate will be closed,”* to, ***If there is damage or reckless behavior on the property the Commission will reconsider the gate closure issue.***
- Under Other Business replace, *“With the understanding that if damage is done to the property the gate will be closed”.* to ***If damage is done to the property the Commission will reconsider the gate closure issue.***

A motion was made by Leroux, seconded by Schofield to approve, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Erin Darrow, Right Angle Engineering presented two options for the design of the Snake River trail parking adjacent to the railroad underpass on Winona Road. She also discussed the permitting process. A meeting with the Select Board will be scheduled by Chairman Simpson to review the proposal. Ms. Darrow will also attend the meeting with the Select Board to present the proposal. She also discussed trail access, handicap parking and accessibility to the trail.
- Shaun Lagueux, New England Forestry Consultants, Inc., presented the Kelley-Drake Forest Management Plan. The entire report was reviewed with the Commission. The report summarizes the New Hampton Conservation Commission’s, “management objectives, how each objective will be met and provides a schedule of activities for accomplishing each goal” over the course of the next ten years.
- Conservation Easement Monitoring reports were reviewed by Leroux and DuBois
 1. Dixon Hill (Leroux) property does not match with open space plan. Boundaries need to be surveyed & marked. No issues with easement
 2. Swain and Merrill (Leroux) properties are in compliance with easement.
 3. Youst/CRB Realty Trust Property (DuBois) is in compliance with easement. Property lines need to be surveyed and marked and a new sign built and installed to replace the dilapidated existing sign.

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4. Jenness Spring Conservation Area (DuBois) does not have an easement but was inspected. Boundary lines well marked. Several sap lines on the property along with a collecting tank are on the property. The property is not in compliance with the deed. Sap lines and tank must be removed by owner. Chairman Simpson will follow up with Barbara Lucas, Town Administrator. A new sign is needed identifying the area as conservation/town property.
- Chairman Simpson discussed appropriate emails and communications with other Commission members.
 - DuBois presented a proposal to construct and install kiosk at entrance to Kelley Drake Conservation Area (KDCA). The Kiosk would be built by a volunteer, material cost no more than \$234.00. Peterson suggested reviewing need for other signage along with KDCA kiosk. Commission decided to table the proposal for discussion at a future date.
 - DuBois and Peterson shared information gathered at the Annual Meeting of NH Association of Conservation Commissions.
 - Leroux discussed his field visit Karen Bordeau, Wildlife Biologist with NH Fish and Game, at the KDCA. She was helpful in making recommendations in support of the apple release project. Grants to help fund the project will be available July 1, 2019.
 - Trail through Sky Pond Forest-DuBois agreed to contact Bob Hardy, NH Forester, requesting application to maintain an already existing trail (non-maintained logging road) through the state forest.
 - Leroux proposed that game cameras on KDCA be removed. Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Pollock to remove cameras and unanimously approved by members to remove cameras. Leroux will also contact NHF&G regarding signage for conservation areas.

Next meeting December, 10th, 7:00 pm

Any agenda items should be sent to Chairman Simpson one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon DuBois
Secretary, New Hampton Conservation Commission